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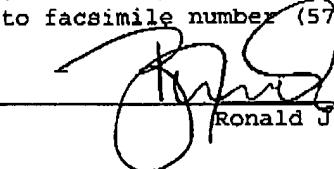
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2007. A petition for a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is requested in view of the remarks that follow.

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